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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

RESSEMANN ET AL.

Examiner

Theodore J. Stigell

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 June 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Zadno-Azizi et al. (6,022,336). See column 22, lines 1-46. Zadno-Azizi discloses a method of treatment of a blood vessel comprising advancing an evacuation sheath assembly (410) into the blood vessel, stopping normal antegrade blood flow in the blood vessel proximate the stenosis, advancing a therapeutic catheter (420) into the blood vessel, treating the stenosis with the therapeutic catheter and removing the therapeutic catheter (see column 22, lines 5-10), advancing an infusion catheter (not shown) to a location distal to the stenosis after removing the therapeutic catheter, infusing the blood vessel with a fluid supplied by the infusion catheter, and inducing retrograde flow within the blood vessel to carry the infused fluid and embolic material dislodged during treating into the evacuation sheath assembly, wherein advancing the infusion catheter includes advancing the infusion catheter through a distal end of the evacuation sheath assembly, wherein stopping blood flow includes creating a first seal (412) between the evacuation sheath and the blood vessel and creating a second seal between a guide catheter and a proximal portion of the evacuation sheath assembly, wherein the retrograde flow

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includes applying a vacuum through the evacuation sheath, treating the stenosis

includes advancing an angioplasty balloon (426), wherein treating the stenosis includes

advancing a stent to the stenosis, and wherein inducing retrograde flow involves venting

pressure as is well-known in the art, wherein the blood vessel can be a coronary artery

or saphenous vein graft, wherein the step of stopping normal antegrade blood flow is

performed prior to advancing the device across the stenosis, wherein infusing the blood

vessel is done through infusion port, and wherein saline, blood, or radiopaque dye can

be infused into the blood vessel, wherein the evacuation sheath is advanced through

guide catheter and further applying a vacuum to the guide catheter and further

comprising inducing retrograde flow prior to advancing the infusion catheter to move

debris proximal to the treated stenosis.

includes

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 6/28/2007 have been fully considered but they are

not persuasive. In response to the applicants' argument that Zadno-Azizi does not

disclose a non-occlusive guidewire, the examiner respectfully disagrees. The guidewire

of Zadno-Azizi is not occlusive but rather the balloon at the end of the guidewire.

Very truly yours,

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Theodore J. Stigell whose telephone number is 571-

272-8759. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Nicholas Lucchesi can be reached on 571-272-4977. The fax phone

number is 571-272-4977.

Not persuasive

All claims

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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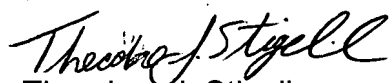
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